

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 729

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor Senator Mae Beavers for her acumen and leadership in representing the citizens of Senate District 17.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who excelled in their elected duties; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mae Beavers of Mt. Juliet is one such dynamic public servant, a true conservative who fought government waste and federal mandates throughout her tenure in this body; and

WHEREAS, Mae Beavers distinguished herself as an exceptional asset to the citizens of House District 57 as a member of the 99th through 102nd General Assemblies and Senate District 17 as a member of the 103rd through 110th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, perhaps best known for her staunch stance against higher taxes, Senator Beavers was one of the driving forces behind the successful effort to derail legislation imposing a state income tax in Tennessee; she also sponsored bills to decrease the sales tax on food, eliminate the gift tax, and phase out the inheritance tax; and

WHEREAS, Senator Beavers was a fierce opponent of federal mandates and a stalwart proponent of local control of our school systems; and

WHEREAS, one of the most conservative legislators in Tennessee, she supported the pro-life movement and the Second Amendment; sponsored legislation enacting tougher laws against illegal immigrants and protecting patient choice in healthcare; and strongly opposed unwarranted federal intervention in recognizing same-sex marriage; and

WHEREAS, Senator Beavers has served with distinction as a member of the Mt. Juliet and Lebanon Chambers of Commerce, a charter member of Mt. Juliet Noon Rotary, a member of the National Rifle Association, and a lifetime member of the Tennessee Firearms Association; and

WHEREAS, Senator Beavers served as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, chairman of the Joint Government Operations Judiciary and Government Subcommittee, first vice chairman of the Senate Transportation and Safety Committee, and a member of the Senate Government Operations Committee and Joint Government Operations Commerce, Labor, Transportation and Agriculture Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the Wilson County Commission, Mae Beavers bucked the establishment and pushed for the passage of Wilson County's first financial management plan; and

WHEREAS, she received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Trevecca Nazarene University from the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities, the Patrick Henry Award from the Rights Education Fund for her support of Second Amendment rights, and the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award from Trevecca Nazarene University, and she was recognized for her support for God, Family, and Country by the Eagle Forum; and

WHEREAS, she expresses her faith as a member of Trevecca Community Church of the Nazarene; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mae Beavers is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship of her husband of forty-nine years, Jerry Beavers; sons and daughters-in-law, Eric and Wendi Beavers and Jason and Angela Beavers; and grandchildren, Leighton, Taylor, Collin, Blake, and Brayden; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mae Beavers exemplifies the qualities that have earned Tennessee worldwide fame as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Senator Mae Beavers for her acumen and leadership in representing the citizens of Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Macon, Smith, and Wilson counties during her twenty-three-year tenure in the General Assembly and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.